

What is Redemption? Lesson 7 – The Effective Calling of God

Introduction:

- There are two elements of the Gospel call:
 - The _____ call, or proclamation of the Gospel, is for all mankind.
 - God's _____ call, is how God sovereignly draws the elect to salvation.

1. God _____ those whom He has chosen.

A. God chooses, or _____, those whom He will save.

***Rom 8.29** For those whom he foreknew **he also predestined** to be conformed to the image of his son...*

B. God's effective calling is an undeserved act of God's _____.

- It's not _____ or _____ to say that it is ungracious of God to save some and not others.

***Eph 1.5–6** He **predestined us** for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6 to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

- Instead of questioning God's grace, we are called to _____ Him for His grace!

C. The work of the _____ in the world today is to call people to the salvation that God gives in Christ.

- God the Father predestined our salvation before creation.
- Jesus accomplished our salvation on the cross.
- Now the Holy Spirit calls us to salvation by _____ us through the proclamation of the Gospel.

***John 6.44** **No one can come** to me unless the Father who sent me **draws** him. And I will raise him up on the last day.*

- No one is _____ to come to Christ unless the Holy Spirit draws them.

Rom 3.10–11 as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;
11 no one understands;
 no one seeks for God.

Rom 11.5–8 So too at the present time there is a remnant, **chosen by grace.** 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. 7 What then? **Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,** 8 as it is written,

“**God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.**”

- On our own, we will _____ come to Christ.
- But those that the Spirit draws _____ come.

John 6.37 All that the Father gives me **will come to me**, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 10.16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, **and they will listen to my voice.** So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Acts 28.28 Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; **they will listen.**”

D. The Holy Spirit always uses the proclamation of the _____ as the means of calling people to salvation.

Rom 10.17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing **through the word of Christ.**

Rom 1.16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Gal 3.2 Let me ask you only this: **Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?**

E. The Holy Spirit effectively calls and saves at the time He has _____.

1 Cor 3.6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

2. God effectively calls His people in a supernaturally _____ way.

A. God calls us out of _____ when we were held by Satan’s power.

1 Pet 2.9 *But you are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.***

Eph 5.8 *for at one time you were **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord.*

Acts 26.18 *to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

- This is an act of _____ from our helpless bondage to Satan's power.

Col 1.13 *He has **delivered us** from the domain of darkness **and transferred us** to the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

Isa 61.1 *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim **liberty** to the captives,
and the **opening of the prison to those who are bound;***

B. The Holy Spirit has indescribable _____ to change people's hearts.

- He can cause a person that HATES Him to LOVE Him.
- He can cause a person that REBELS against Him to OBEY Him.
- He can cause a person that DENIES Him to BELIEVE in Him.
- When God calls people to salvation, He always _____ His intended purpose by causing people to respond and come to Him.

Isa 55.11 *so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Dan 4.35 *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and **none can stay [stop] his hand**
or say to him, "What have you done?"*

- God never tries to save people and then _____ to do so.

- God never _____ a person will get saved, He already knows who will be saved.

C. God _____ our hearts so that we'll choose Christ.

- How does God's power relate to man's _____ ?
 - Man always chooses what he _____.
 - God can cause us to make decisions that we _____ to make ourselves.

Prov 21.1 *The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.*

- God never _____ anyone to choose Christ against their will.
- _____ is a gift from God that is given to enable us to choose Christ.

Eph 2.8–9 *For by grace you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God, 9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

- Every person who gets saved, _____ chooses Christ.

D. God's effective calling _____ that people will respond and be saved.

Rom 8.30 *And those whom he predestined he also called, **and those whom he called he also justified**, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

Acts 13.48 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and **as many as were appointed to eternal life believed**.*

- The truth of election is what makes our evangelism and missions _____.

Acts 16.14 *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshipper of God. **The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.***

Conclusion:

- **God calls to Himself everyone that He has chosen from before creation.**
- **God effectively calls His people by His supernatural power.**
- **When God calls sinners to Himself, they willingly believe on Jesus.**
- **This truth is the guarantee that our evangelism will be fruitful.**